



beneath them, and did not go one Step nearer being a Man. Goodness and Learning only deserve Praise, these make the Boy truly happy and justly admired: these form the Gentleman, adorn his Mind, and procure him Love, Respect, and Honour.

There is but little Need to drive away that Time by foolish Divertisements, which flies away so swiftly of itself, and, when once gone, is never to be recalled.

He is idle that might be better employed. The Idle Man is more perplexed what to do, than the Industrious in doing what he ought.

An idle Boy is a kind of Monster in the Creation: All Nature is busy about him. How wretched is it to hear People complain, that the Day hangs heavy upon them; that they do not know what to do with themselves! How monstrous are such Expressions among Creatures, who can apply themselves to the Duties of Religion and Meditation; to the Reading of useful Books; who may exercise themselves in the pursuit of Virtue and Knowledge, and every Hour of their Lives make themselves wiser and better than they were before!

A wise Man will dispose of Time past, to Observation and Reflection; Time present, to Duty; and Time to come, to Providence.

He that follows his Recreation instead of his Business, shall in a little Time have no Business to follow.

STORY VII.